

(a) whether the Government have decided to privatise the duty free shops at airports,

[English]

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) whether the Government have received any representation as a protest thereof and

(d) if so the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHARAO SCINDIA) (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise

#### Soviet Aided Power Projects

1973 SHRI HARI KISHOR SINGH  
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN  
SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the names of the power projects aided by the USSR and the aid commitment by USSR for each of these projects, State-wise,

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) The names of the power projects (State-wise) and corresponding financial aid committed by the erstwhile Soviet Union is as under –

S No	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Amount of Credit (Mil Roubles)
1	Vindhya Chal Super Thermal Power Project Stage I (M P )	1260	303 7
2	Vindhya Chal Stage I Transmission Line	–	56 6
3	Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project (Bihar)	840	219 2
4	Tehri Hydro Power Complex (U P )		1000 0
	• (a) Tehri Stage-I	1000	
	(b) Koteshwar	400	
	(c) Tehri Stage-II	1000	
	(d) Associated Trans		
5	Vindhya Chal Super Thermal Power Project Stage II (M P )	1000	400 0
6	Vindhya Chal Stage-II Transmission Line	–	220 0
7	Maithon Thermal Power Project (Bihar)	840	770 0

S. No	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Amount of Credit (Mil Roubles)
8	Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project St I (Kerala)	420	
9	Mangalore Thermal Power Project Stage-I (Karnataka)	420	

**Expansion of Air Relay Station at Solapur in Maharashtra** [Translation]

1974 SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are considering to expand AIR relay station at and around Solapur in Maharashtra by increasing relay hours of the National Programmes during 1992-93,

(b) if not the reasons therefor, and

(c) the time by which such programmes are likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS)  
(a) and (b) No, Sir All India Radio, Solapur, which is a local radio station is intended to work as a community radio serving an area specific population focussing extensively on local problems and providing an outlet to the local talent

(c) The signal of All India Radio, Pune, which also relays National Programmes, is already available in and around Solapur area

SC/ST Employees In Telecom Department of Uttar Pradesh

1975 SHRI RAM BADAN Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the total number of employees working in different categories of services of Uttar Pradesh Telecommunications and the total number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees among them against the sanctioned posts by the end of 1992,

(b) the names of places in Uttar Pradesh where office of the District Manager, Telecommunications and DET are functioning indicating the number thereof and the number of such offices proposed to be opened in the near future, and

(c) the names of places in Uttar Pradesh where different types of training centres, store depots and workshops are functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) It is premature to give the position as at the end of 1992 However, position as on 31.3.91 is as follows